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While time performances were the stepping stones upon which both Doble and Marvin mounted the pedestal of year's babies, Molly Knight and Dudfame, Geers made himself near and ette.

Edward Franklin Geers, more pop- | dear to the race-going public by gathularly known as "Pop," was born three ering his faurels in stubbornly contestmiles from Lebanon, Tenn., January | ed races, many of which were in doubt 25, 1851. He has appeared in races to the last stride of the last heat. He before more people than any man who also had his champions in Hal Pointer. ever sat in a sulky, the number at Robert J., The Abbot, and The Har-Charter Oak Park, Hartford, alone be- vester, while the triple feam record of 2:14 which he made with Belle Hamlin. more races than any man who ever fol- Globe and Justina at Cleveland in 1891 will in all probability remain unchallenged forever.

There are others on the way, but if Geers should never draw a rein over another horse his fame is secure. The pegs were driven home by Mattle Hunter, Brown Hal, Star Pointer, Hal Pointer, Hat Dillard, Fantasy, Robert J., Hamlin's Nightingale, Joe Patchen, Lady of the Manor, Lord Derby The Abbott, Heir at Law, Billy Buck, Direct Hal, Anvil, Etawah, Duille Archdale, The Harvester, Napoleon Direct, St. Frisco, Single G., Goldie Todd and this

BAKER DETERMINED TO QUIT Manager Huggins Expresses Belief

Frank Baker may not play third base for the Yankees next year. Manager Miller Huggins, in mapping out his 1920 campaign, announced his be-



rrank Baker.

lief that the former "home-run" star is sincere in his statement that he is going to retire from the game.

RECORD FOR MAJOR LEAGUES

Washington American Team Believed to Have Set Mark for Consecutive Playing in 1919.

What is believed to constitute a rec ord for major leagues has been estab tished by the Washington club in the matter of uninterrupted playing. The calling off of the final game in the recent Cleveland series because of rain was the first postponement the Senators had encountered since May 23. After that date, which was just one month after the season opened. the Griffmen participated in every scheduled contest and a number of games postponed prior to that date as well, including two tie games at the Polo grounds. In eighty-three days Washington averaged one game a day, exceeding half of the schedule of 140 games by thirteen.

CHARGE OF CANADIAN GAMES

Amateur Athletic Union Appoints Committee to Supervise Entries for Olympic Events.

The Canadian Amateur Athletic union has appointed the following committee to take charge of the Canndian Olympic games entries: J. G. Merrick, Toronto; D. Bruce McDonald. Toronto; P. D. Ross, Ottawa; Col. Fred J. Trees, Montreal; Morton H. Crowe, Toronto, secretary.

hold indoor track meets.

Amherst has recognized soccer and hockey as netive sports. Pay of Pacific Coast league umpires has been raised from \$250 to \$300 per

How many can recall right offland who was the great here in that world

Charley Mullen has been succeeded by Clyde Wares as manager of the Seattle club of the Coast league.

Wellington Brothers '21 has been

elected captain of the University of Wisconsin varsity cross-country team for 1920.

George Burns, the Glant outflelder, is on an nutemobile tour of the middle West with "Slim" Salee, the Reds' left-hander.

Foster Sanford, Rutgers coach, is one of the rumored successors to Fred Dawson, Columbia football coach, who has resigned.

Polo will be recombed and adopted as the official army sport, according to the announcement of General March chief of staff.

Elected by unnulmous choice of the 17 football "I" mer, 121ot Risley, glarlinemen of the votsity football team will pilot the Indiana eleven next sea

It won't be long new until the hold out crop begins to hear fruit. Most o the clubs are presenting their new contracts, to be mailed out the latter par of next month.

Nebraska football team has offered o go to Annapolis next year for ome with the Naval academy team Penn and Princeton are also mentione: as probable opponents for Annapolis.

If John McGraw really wants to rade, he won't have any trouble in getting rid of Benny Kauff. Benny and Jawn, so reports have it, have about reached the parting of the ways

Arthur Callahan, brother of John allahan, captain of the Yale 1919 footall team, and Capt. Harry Callaben of the Princeton eleven, has been elect ed captain of next year's football team at the Lawrence high school.

Bill Carrigan, former manager of the Red Sox, may become part owner of that club if a plan now in the making goes through. Several Boston met want to buy the club from Harry Fracee and have interested Carrigan in the

#### **GRIFFITH TO FIGHT** FOR OUTFIELDER SEE

Wants Slugger That Champion Reds Paid \$10,000 For.

Washington Management Not Willing to Permit Herrmann to Keep Player Waivers Were Asked for-Is Natural Hitter.

When Garry Herrmann, boss of the Sincinnati Reds, recently asked for waivers on five of his athletes and samed Charley See as one of them, be for a quick response from Manager Clark Griffith of the Washington Amercan league club, who refused to waive on the former star slugger of the International league, although he was passed by all the other clubs. This ordinarity would have assured See be coming the property of the Washington club, but Heremann decided he had acted rushly in agreeing to let go of a player who had cost him \$10,000 for one-quarter of that sum. He now wants to relain him and has notified Griffith to this effect. Under the rules waivers cannot be withdrawn, once they are asked, so Heremann is going to have a battle on his hands to keep title to the youngster. See created a sensation in the In-

ernational league last season. Being picked up by the Rochester club from the sandlots in Brooklyn after the season was well under way, the Flatbush phenom rapidly forged to the front by reason of his ability to slug and attracted the attention of Pat Moran, who needed a gardener to replace the aged and alling Sherry Magee, and paid a record price for a practically untried juvenile. Moran corralled Pat Duncan about the same time as a precautionary measure to bolster up his club for its drive pennantward and



Outfielder Charley See.

finding the latter the better fielder of the two, kept him in the lineup and assigned See to a bench-warming role.

See's feat of pounding out 114 hits in 78 games with Rochester, to lead the league with an average of ,385, indicates he is possessed of natural hitting ability and that is what Griff is looking for. The Brooklyn boy is said to possess many rough edges as a flychaser, but he is only about twenty four years old and if he can maintain a high hitting pace his shortcomings as a fielder can be ironed out with

FOUR MORE YEARS FOR STAR Manager Clark Griffith of Washington

Club Says Walter Johnson Is as Good as Ever.

"Walter Johnson has four or fiv more years before him," declared Clark Griffith. "He is as good as he ever was. He is just past his thirty



Waiter Johnson.

second birthday and to see him work he really looks like a youngster." Asked whether Johnson was suffer ing from a sore arm this season, the manager replied: "I have never known Walter to have a sore arm. There was talk about his arm being sore at the opening of the senson, but It was not so. He was suffering from n bad cold, which caused general to disposition."

#### MANY MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS MAKE KEENEST CLAY TARGET BREAKERS



Some High-Class Trapshooting Performers.

ball players who handle a shotgun equally as well as a bat and ball, now is the time to do so.

Trapshooting is a sport that appeals to the intelligent baseball player, It is a sport that relieves the tension and brushes away the cobwebs. Is is impossible to be successful at the traps unless one forgets everything else, and puts his mind strictly upon what he is

Baseball and trapshooting have much in common, To succeed in either it is necessary to be mentally alert, of the Athletics and Otis Crandall, the to have keen eyes, and to always have your wits about you. The keenest ball players as a rule make the best clay target breakers.

Just as soon as the gates are locked on the ball parks the great majority of the ball players bring out the fowling plece, and after oiling it up and giving it the once over they spend a few days in the fields. After that they devote their moments until the call in the spring to shooting at the inanimate

Bender a High-Class Performer. Charles Albert (Chief) Bender is possibly the best of the trapshooting ball players. During the off season Bender shoots on the Pennsylvania allroad team in the Philadelphia Trapshooters' league, and with the Biedleman club of Camden, N. J. Bender is the only shooter who has broken fifty straight twice in the league series, and his average is about the best in

the lengue. Joe Bush, the Red Sox hurler, is another who shoots in the Philadelphia Trapshooters' league matches and at the Biedleman club. In previous years | Ind., shot at 1,500 targets last year and Bob Shawkey, the Yankee pitcher, and Grover Cleveland Alexander, the pitching ace of the National league, did a lot of shooting at the Biedleman club. While they were members of the

If you have never given a thought | Eddie Burns did a lot of shooting at as to the number of major league base- | Philadelphia clubs, and in the winter season most of the Phils visited Dugey and helped him gather in the game about Pittsburgh, Tex.

Mathewson Is Booster.

Christy Mathewson, assistant manager of the Giants, is a great booster for the trapgun sport. Matty was one of the quartet of ball players that toured the country several years ago giving trapshooting exhibitions, and this tour made Mathewson a firm exponent of the sport. The other three on this tour were Chief Bender, Harry Davis pitcher.

Joe Jackson, Tyrus Cobb and Tris Speaker, a wonderful outfield, are all high-class shooters. Cobb is associated with several others in a game preserve in Georgia, where he does a lot of shooting.

Frank Baker, he of home-run fame, nd Charley Herzog, the firebran a lot of shooting on the eastern shore of Maryland, and every fall Jack Dunn and Eddle Collins form a party that

beats the brush for game. Stars Are Devotees.

Walter Johnson, "Gabby" Cravath. Clyde Milan, Carl Mays, Bert Shotten, Hube Leonard, Jake Daubert, Jack Coombs, Pat Moran and a host of others who are stars are devotees of the

Fred Clarke, the former manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, seldom misses a trapshooting tournament in Kansas, He shot at 1,000 targets in registered competition last year and averaged .8070. George Cuppy, the former Cleveland pitcher, now living at Elkhart, averaged .9226. Herman Bronkle, formerly the Indianapolis infielder, averaged .7083 on 205 registered targets in 1918. Sam Leever and Deacon Phillips, veteran Pittsburgh pitchers, are Phils, Billy Killefer, Oscar Dugey and two high-class shots.

a modern athletic stadium.

Basketball and indoor track work are engaging college athletes,

The British Polo association suffered the loss of over 500 players in the great war. Texas league magnates are making

year than ever in 1920. Jack Dempsey will fight Jess Willard for the same purse that Jess got

in the last Toledo scrap.

preparations for a bigger and better

C. K. G. Billings has presented the weanling son of The Harvester, 2:01. and Lou Dillon, 1:5814, to Frank G. Jones of Memphis.

Syracuse baseball team of the International league will open a new baseball field on West Genesce street. that city, next year.

ter of the world, may become a professional heavyweight boxer. Bob Simpson has taken up his duties as coach of Missouri university students. He is in charge of the com-

Babe Ruth, outfielder for the Bos-

ton club and champion home-run hit-

pulsory athletic work of the military department. Several selections of all-star teams have been made by critics and fans along the Coast League circuit, and Meusel, who is to join the Yankees next spring, is the almost unanimous

choice for third base.

### MIKE GIBBONS QUITS BOXING

St. Paul Phantom Announces His Permanent Retirement From Ring on Advice of Wife.

Mike Gibbons, the St. Paul Phantom, announces he has decided to retire permanently from the ring. Gibbons, who is considered quite wealthy and who has a family, said he had given his promise to Mrs. Gibbons that he will never again participate in a ring battle,



Gibbons gave the following statement: "For a long time Mrs, Gibbons has urged me to give up boxing. I realize, of course, that I might stay in the game for a little while longer, but I have decided that such a course would not be practical. This is to announce my permanent retirement."